

16. A method according to claim 15, wherein said filler is calcium carbonate.

17. A method according to claim 15, wherein said filler is a calcium sulfate.

18. A method according to claim 14, wherein said non-leveling agent is present in an amount of from about 0.5% to about 7% by dry weight of said joint compound.

19. A method according to claim 18, wherein said non-leveling agent is attapulgus clay.

20. A method according to claim 18, wherein said non-leveling agent is a mixture of a clay and amylopectin starch in a ratio by weight of 1:5.

21. A method according to claim 14, wherein said binder is present in an amount of from about 0.5% to about 10% by dry weight of said joint compound.

22. A method according to claim 21, wherein said binder is polyvinyl acetate.

23. A method according to claim 14, wherein said thickener is present in an amount of from about 0.3% to about 1.8%.

24. A method according to claim 23, wherein said thickener is hydroxypropyl methylcellulose.

25. A method according to claim 23, wherein said thickener is hydroxyethylcellulose.

26. A method according to claim 14, wherein said joint compound is substantially free of mica.

27. A lightweight joint compound according to claim 1, wherein said silicone compound is a polydimethyl siloxane.

28. A method according to claim 14, wherein said silicone compound is a polydimethyl siloxane.

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